

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 21-40, and replace claims 41-47 as shown below.

Claims 21-40 (Canceled).

41. (Currently amended) A replaceable multi-thermal zone workpiece shielding plate apparatus for engaging a portion of the workpiece and shielding the engaged portion of the workpiece during processing to prevent processing on the engaged portion of the workpiece in a high temperature processing system, the apparatus comprising:

- a) a replaceable shield of comparable weight [[as]] to that of the workpiece for allowing replacement of the shield in the same way as the replacement of the workpiece;
- b) a low thermal transmittivity transmissivity section in the portion of the shield ~~to be engaged~~ that engages and shielding shields the workpiece; and
- c) a high thermal transmittivity transmissivity section in the rest of shield.

42. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 41, further comprising an actuator for engaging the shield with the portion of the workpiece.

43. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 41, further comprising a susceptor lift that is coupled to the workpiece.

44. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 41, further comprising:

- a susceptor adapted to receive the workpiece; and
- a shaft that is coupled to the susceptor to engage the shield with the portion of the workpiece.

45. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 41, further comprising a heater that is positioned underneath the workpiece to heat the workpiece within the system.

46. (Previously presented) An apparatus as in claim 45 in which the heater further comprises a heated workpiece support having a heated top surface for supporting and heating the workpiece.

47. (Previously presented) An apparatus as in claim 45 in which the heater comprises a lamp heater for heating the workpiece and the apparatus further comprises a non-heated workpiece support for supporting the workpiece.